



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KIRBY HUNOLT

Colonel Kirby Hunolt is Chief of the Space Safety Division at Headquarters Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. He is responsible for preserving national space assets by managing and evaluating Air Force space mishap prevention programs covering range, launch and orbital operations. In the Safety Center's role as the Department of Defense executive agent for space safety, Colonel Hunolt fosters partnerships within the DoD, other government agencies, and civilian organizations to promote safety in space. Additionally, he provides space safety expertise to US and international organizations such as NASA and the European Space Agency. His division is also responsible for identifying hazards and creating procedures for the safe testing and development of Directed Energy Weapons such as chemical lasers and high power microwaves.

Colonel Hunolt was born and raised in Missouri. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Missouri's AFROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1979. Colonel Hunolt and his wife Elaine, who is a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, have four children: Jonathan, Alicia, Benjamin, and Anastasia.

EDUCATION:

1979 Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, University of Missouri
1984 Squadron Officer School
1984 US Marine Corps Command and Staff College
1985 Air Command and Staff College
1985 Master of Science degree in Systems Management, University of Southern California
1995 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1980 Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB AZ
2. 1981 Student, HC-130 Combat Crew Training, Little Rock AR/Kirtland AFB NM
3. 1981 – 1982 HC-130 Pilot, 55th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Eglin AFB FL
4. 1982 – 1986 C-130 Instructor Pilot, 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron; Command Post Controller, Wing Executive Officer, Chief Pilot, 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, Clark AB Philippines
5. 1986 – 1990 Flight Commander, 54th Flying Training Squadron; Chief, T-38 Stan/Eval, 64th Flying Training Wing, Reese AFB TX
6. 1990 – 1993 Director, Program Management, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB HI
7. 1993 – 1996 Chief, Wing Stan/Eval; Chief, Wing Plans and Programs, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB AR

ASSIGNMENTS (cont'd):

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| 8. 1996 – 1999 | Chief, Wing Safety, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB Germany; Chief, Combined Forces Safety, Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik AB Turkey; Chief, USAFE Safety Policy and Programs, HQ USAFE, Ramstein AB Germany |
| 9. 1999 – 2001 | Director of Operations, 612th Air Support Operations Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB AZ |
| 10. 2001 – 2002 | Commander, 612th Air Support Operations Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB AZ |
| 11. 2002 - 2003 | Commander, 612th Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB AZ |
| 12. 2003 - 2004 | Chief, Education and Media Division, HQ AF Safety Center, Kirtland AFB NM |
| 13. 2004 - Present | Chief, Space Safety Division, HQ AF Safety Center, Kirtland AFB NM |

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 3,925

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, HC-130H/P/N, C-130E/H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

(Current as of 10 May 2004)